

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Communication mailed October 26, 2004. The claims as currently written include Examiner's Amendments to claims 13, 16, and 24 (which include the cancellation of claims 15 and 17). Claims 13, 14, 16, and 24 have been further amended to correct minor issues of form. Applicant believes that the claim coverage has not been affected by these minor amendments. Thus, claims 13, 14, 16, and 18-24 are pending in the application. Further consideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the allowable subject matter, as well as the Examiner's amendments provided in the Office Communication. However, Applicant submits that there were several antecedent basis errors and other issues of form to be resolved in the Examiner's amendments, and has submitted the above amendments accordingly. For example, Applicant notes that "the second task" in claims 13 (line 7) and 24 (line 7) had no antecedent basis, and so the article 'the' has been changed to 'a', accordingly.

Claims 13 and 24 were further amended to move the 'wherein' clause (that was brought in from dependent claim 15) from line 9 to line 13, because it refers to a later claim element, specifically, performing the context switch. Applicant also notes that in the typo "fist" in this same 'wherein' clause has been corrected to "first".

Claim 14 was amended to replace the term "CPU" with "processor", since that is the term used in independent claim 13.

Claim 24 was amended to change the method element inserted per the Examiner's Amendment to a proper system element.

Applicant believes that these amendments correct all extant matters of form, and that no new issues have been raised. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests a Telephone Interview to resolve any issues.

Spelling of Inventor's Name

Applicant notes that while the (American) spelling of (German) inventor Stefan Klemens Mueller's last name is correctly spelled in the list of inventors on page 1 of the Application, in the Declaration the name was spelled in German form: Muller with an umlaut over the 'u'. Since the PTO does not accommodate the use of umlauts, Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent issue with the "Mueller" spelling.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-45700/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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